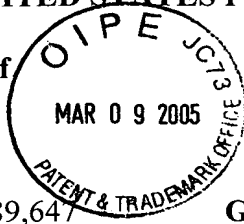


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Serial No.: 10/689,647 Group Art Unit: 3673

Filed: October 22, 2003 Examiner: Robert G. Santos

For: ELECTRIC BED AND CONTROL APPARATUS AND CONTROL METHOD THEREFOR

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450**EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

	<u>AFTER AMENDMENT</u>	<u>PREV. PAID FOR</u>	<u>EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</u>	<u>RATE</u>	<u>FEE DUE</u>
Total Claims	55	31	= 24	x \$ 50.00	\$ 1,200.00
Indep. Claims	8	6	= 2	x \$ 200.00	\$ 400.00

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT**\$ 1,600.00**

A check in the amount of \$1,600.00 is submitted herewith to cover the excess claim fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-55 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 19, and 30 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 32-55 are added. Claims 1-3, 18-20, 38, and 53 are independent.

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